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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application of: Bradford C. Webb

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GROUP 1

For: Synthetic Viscoelastic Material for Ophthalmic Applications

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the Official Action mailed February 22, 1999, relative to the above application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

At page 11, line 10, after "hydroxypropylmethylcellulose", replace "." with --;

At page 11, line 17, replace "series" with --plurality--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the above-referenced application. In her Office Action summary (PTO Form 326), the Examiner asserts that the pending claims are: 1, 13, 25 and 27-30. Applicant, however, has not cancelled claims 2-12, 14-24, and 26. Consequently, all thirty claims are currently pending.

Claims 1, 13, 25 and 27-30 have been rejected as being "based upon a defective Reissue declaration." Further, the Examiner has asserted that the amendments to claims 1, 13 and 25 made in the reissue application are "not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)." In her